



April: Financial Education Month



Financial Tip of the Week:

Check your credit report for free once a year. Use your annual free credit report from the three credit reporting bureaus to look for inaccuracies or opportunities to raise your score. Credit scores are used by loan providers, landlords, and others to determine what they'll sell you, and at what price. For example, a low credit score can increase the cost of a 60-month, \$20,000 auto loan by more than \$5,000.

Free Financial Education Programs

Build your knowledge by attending our financial workshops with our partners at M&T Bank! Both virtual and in-person sessions are available, please see the flier below for more information.



Financial Education Program Build Your Financial Confidence

Enrolling Today

The University of Maryland, Baltimore Community Engagement Center (CEC) is partnering with **M&T Bank** to provide a series of free financial education workshops. Increase your knowledge and have open and honest conversations with bankers from **M&T Bank** who will guide you to build your financial strength and health!

Workshop Information:

- ▶ **Topic:** Strategies to Manage Your Money
- ▶ **Method:** Virtual or in-person

To request more information, contact Danielle Harris at Danielle.Harris@umaryland.edu or 410-706-1974

Register: bit.ly/39AHR6H

Hover over this QR code with your smartphone camera, then click on the link that appears on your screen.



- ▶ Session options
Virtual
April 13, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. or
In person
April 20, 5 pm. - 6 p.m.
- ▶ In person session will be limited to 8 people with priority given to those from the following zip codes: 21201, 21216, 21223, 21230 and 21217
- ▶ Located outside at the CEC under a covered tent at 16 S. Poppleton Street



For participant and staff protection, masks are required and physical distancing will be practiced at all times.

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**Interested in Getting the COVID
Vaccine?**



INTERESTED IN GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL IN ENDING THE PANDEMIC.

Maryland is distributing COVID-19 vaccines by appointment through hospitals, local health departments, pharmacies, and mass vaccination sites.

Register for a vaccine appointment:

- > Visit www.GetTheVaccineBaltimore.org
- > Statewide, call 855-MDGOVAX (855-634-6829)
- > Eligible Baltimore City adults without internet access can call Maryland Access Point (443-984-8650) for assistance in registering for a vaccine appointment



END COVID-19

Everyone's Health Depends On It.

GetTheVaccineBaltimore.org

Hello Neighbors,

We wanted to share the following information regarding vaccination appointments. For Baltimore City residents who qualify and are interested in getting a vaccination appointment close to downtown, the Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital (BCCFH) and M&T Bank Stadium are the two closest vaccination sites for residents of the Southwest Baltimore area. Community members should enroll through the “Complete the BCC Vaccine Request form” on the Baltimore City Convention Field Hospital Website: www.umms.org/BCCVaccine or start the online registration process for M&T Bank Stadium at: www.umms.org/StadiumVax. If you have time, you may want to register at both places.

Individuals without computer access or who otherwise need assistance filling out the appointment request form for the BCCFH can call 443-462-5511 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Marylanders can also reach the state’s vaccine call center at 855-MDGOVAX (855-634-6829) seven days a week from 7 am to 10 pm to get assistance with registration, information on COVID vaccines and identify providers closest to their homes.

Vaccination plans, appointments and access points will continue to evolve as vaccine supply increases. We are excited by the significant interest among city residents to get vaccinated and remain committed to helping lead this effort. In the meantime, we ask that you remain patient and stay safe.

Share Your Experience!

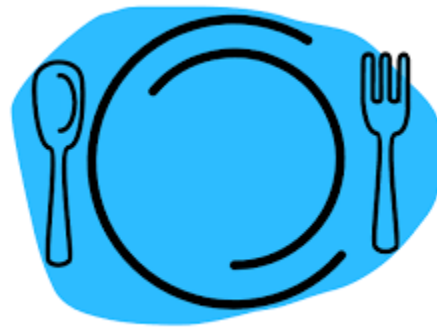
Over the next few months, UMB will be highlighting members of the community and their vaccination experience. Share your experience getting vaccinated by tagging us @umbaltimore and using #UMBVaccinesWork on Twitter or Instagram. Include why you got the vaccine. You can also submit your photos and comments about your vaccine experience, by clicking [here](#).

Free Community Lunch Grab and Go Meals!

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Wednesday, April 28st

12:00pm to 1:00pm

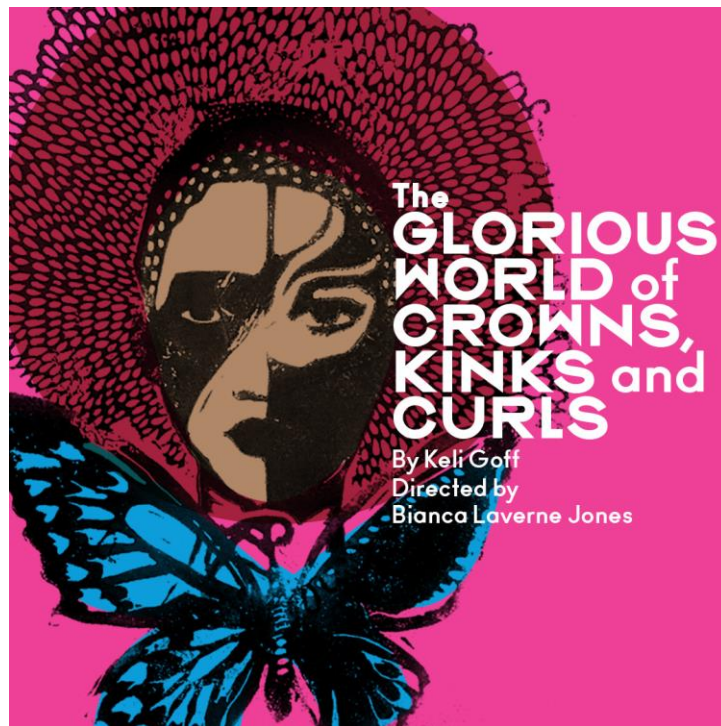
UMB Community Engagement Center

16 S Poppleton Street

Join us as we relaunch our lunch program with a twist! We will have boxed lunches available for pick up from 12pm to 1pm. Catch up with neighbors, learn how we can help you schedule a vaccination appointment at UMB, and grab fliers about our upcoming spring programming.

Everyone is welcome, please wear a mask and practice social distancing!

Free Virtual Play Tickets + Hair Care Event



The Glorious World of Crowns, Kinks, and Curls by Keli Goff, directed by Bianca LaVerne Jones

This story explores the complex relationship women have with their hair. From afros to braids, weddings and funerals, falling in love, to grieving a loss, these stories serve as a powerful reminder that for Black women in particular, hair is both deeply personal and political. Perfect for the virtual stage, these intimate stories take audiences on an unparalleled journey into the world of Black womanhood. Check out the trailer [here](#).

Show times for The Glorious World of Crowns, Kinks, and Curls is Tuesday through Sunday with a final showing on May 2nd. We only have a limited number of tickets so the first 17 that call to claim their ticket will be selected. Please make your request as early as possible because these tickets will go fast. To request your ticket please contact Adrienne Witherspoon at (410) 706-8260.

The CEC is planning a **Hair Care informational and Training Event** and is kicking it off by showing The Glorious World of Crowns. We are looking to hear from you on if the Hair Care informational and training is something you are interested in. This will be fun and exciting as it will teach hair care techniques for various textures of hair, and how to create basic hair styles. Please click the link [here](#) to provide you input on if this is something you want.

**Rec 2 Tech:
Free Virtual STEM Programming for
Students**



REC 2 TECH

Free Virtual STEM Programming for students ages 11-15. All skill levels are welcome!

The UMB Community Engagement Center is offering a free introductory Video Game Design program for youth between the ages 11 and 15. Participants will learn the basics of game development by playing, creating and modifying games through safe and fun hands-on activities. For participant and staff protection, masks are required and physical distancing will be practiced at all times

WHAT?

GAME DESIGN

Activities Include

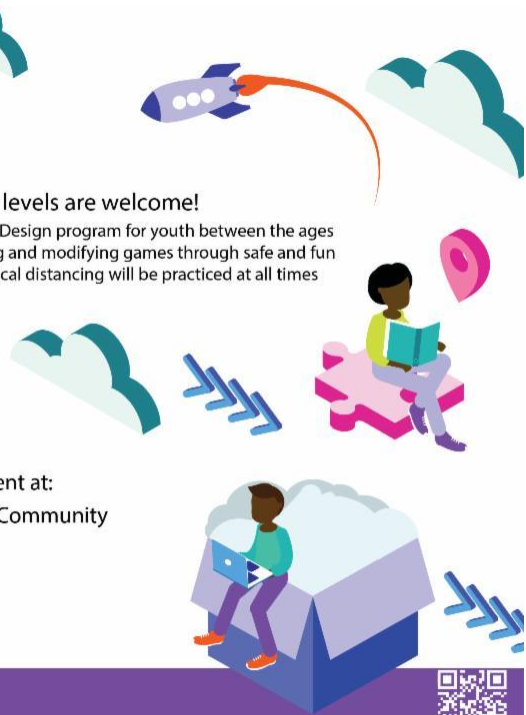
- Making a video game
- 3D printing your own game console
- Playing games
- Designing your own t-shirt

WHEN?

APRIL 22 TO JUNE 10
THURSDAYS 4PM - 5PM

WHERE?

Located in-person in an outdoor tent at:
University of Maryland, Baltimore Community
Engagement Center (CEC)
16 S Poppleton St.
Baltimore, MD 21201



Register today! Space is limited.

Sign Up for Free at <https://bit.ly/31D0p1z> (case sensitive)
Questions? Email bsmit@umaryland.edu, or call 410-706-5211

Hover over this QR code with your smartphone camera, then touch the link that appears on your screen to register.



Register [here](#).

Contact Barnard Smit at bsmit@umaryland.edu or call 410-706-2511 for more information

Free Photography Classes



Strength in Community: Storytelling through Digital Photography

Enrolling Today

The University of Maryland, Baltimore Community Engagement Center (CEC) is partnering with **Wide Angle Youth Media** to provide a free online photography course for 18-24 year olds. In this four-session course, instructors Sydney Allen and Beth Holladay will guide you through the creative process of making photographs. Participants will be given a free camera to keep to use as a story telling tool.

Participants will learn:

- ▶ Technical camera learning: setup, terminology and settings
- ▶ Photography skills: composition, lighting, photo editing
- ▶ Visual storytelling: brainstorm, capture edit and share meaningful images

To request more information, contact Sarah Turner at sarahturner@umaryland.edu or 410-706-2311

Register: bit.ly/3wjBOWT

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- ▶ Online meeting times:
Saturdays
1:30 p.m to 3:00 p.m.
April 24, May 1, 8 and 15
- ▶ Participants will get a book of their printed photographs
- ▶ Must have a computer or tablet to participate
- ▶ Space is limited to 12 people with priority from the following zip codes: 21201, 21216, 21223, 21230 and 21217



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To register for this photography class, click [here](#) or call 410-706-2311. For more information, contact sarahturner@umaryland.edu

Mind Health: Shop Talk Real Talk: The COVID-19 Vaccine and a Community in Crisis



Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

This timely discussion will unmask the history of bad science and its impact on Black and Brown communities. The talk will include the truth about the historical causes of the present COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy, an update on the current state of the pandemic, and the resources available for the COVID-19 vaccine and testing. Please register [here](#).

Young Adult Social Justice Poetry Club



Social Justice Poetry Club

Register Today

The University of Maryland, Baltimore Community Engagement Center is partnering with **DewMore Baltimore** to provide a free virtual social justice poetry club for young adults interested in civic engagement through the art of poetry and spoken word.

- ▶ Explore poetry as an art form and public speaking tool
- ▶ Train with national award-winning teaching artist Jacob Mayberry "Black Chakra"
- ▶ Build relationships, affirm identity and create space for community impact and togetherness
- ▶ Online Meeting Times: Thursdays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▶ May 6 to July 8
- ▶ Open to young adults ages 18 to 24
- ▶ 10 week program
- ▶ Must have computer or smartphone device to join virtually
- ▶ Receive a free self-care kit
- ▶ Space is limited to 20 participants with priority given to those from the following zip codes: 21201, 21216, 21223, 21230 and 21217

Register: tiny.cc/cecpoetry

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For more information, contact sarahturner@umaryland.edu or call 410-706-2311



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To register, click [here](#) or call 410-706-2311. For more information, contact sarahturner@umaryland.edu

Free Nutrition Webinars

Virtual Nutrition Series



The University of Maryland Community Health Team is joined by UMMC Certified Nutritionists to share information and tips about maintaining a healthy diet.

Take a lunch break and watch at Noon on:



Facebook
@UMDMedCenter



YouTube
@UMMCVideos

Wednesday, March 17 Personalize Your Plate

Celebrate national nutrition month and learn how to personalize your plate while avoiding the pitfalls of fad diets.

Wednesday, April 21 Breaking Down Beverages

Everyone knows it's important to stay hydrated, but with so many beverage options out there, not to mention health claims about energy, electrolytes, sugar, and protein, it can be hard to choose what to drink! Get answers to your trending questions about beverages and hydration.



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Poppleton Track Team- Ages 6-15

Join the Poppleton Track Team

Boys and Girls Ages 6 - 15

Train and compete against other neighborhood teams on a real track

- Tuesdays & Thursdays @5:30p.m starting April 12
- Location: Poppleton Rec Area
- (Saratoga and Schroeder St.)
- Bring your own water

Questions / More information:

Contact: Coach Demetrius Staton
252-367-9517
dre11foreman@gmail.com



Registration: At practice or online at
<https://forms.gle/71fdhEPEfTwDbbk16>



Baltimore City requires that masks be worn during activities. Mask breaks and drink breaks will be part of practice with appropriate distancing.

Social Justice and Structural Racism in Baltimore- Free Virtual Event

PRESIDENT'S PANEL *on* POLITICS AND POLICY



“Social Justice and Structural Racism in Baltimore”

KURT L. SCHMOKE, JD

President, University of Baltimore,
and Former Mayor of Baltimore

APRIL 28, 2021 | 9 A.M.

A UMB VIRTUAL EVENT



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Join us on Wednesday, April 28 at 9 a.m. for a discussion with Kurt L. Schmoke, JD, a former three-term mayor of Baltimore who was appointed the eighth president of the University of Baltimore in July 2014. Prior to his role at the University of Baltimore, he was dean of the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., from 2003 to 2012, then was named general counsel and served as the institution's interim provost.

Schmoke was the state's attorney for Baltimore City from 1982 to 1987, then became the first African American elected as Baltimore's mayor, serving from 1987 to 1999. During his mayoral term, he initiated a number of programs in the areas of housing, education, public health, and economic development. In 1992, President George H.W. Bush awarded Schmoke the National Literacy Award for his efforts to promote adult literacy. In 1994, President Bill Clinton praised his programs to improve public housing and enhance community economic development.

Schmoke's other public service includes an appointment as assistant director of the White House domestic policy staff under President Jimmy Carter in 1977 and a stint as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland from 1978 to 1981.

During his tenure at Howard University School of Law, Schmoke focused much of his attention on increasing bar passage rates and expanding the clinical law program to emphasize matters of environmental justice, fair housing, and civil rights.

Register for this free, virtual event [here](#).

Community Resources



- Adult Education
- Adult Protective Services
- Day Care
- Domestic Violence
- Emergency Food
- Emergency Shelter
- Eviction Prevention
- Financial Counseling
- Job Training Programs
- Legal Services
- Medical Care (Non-Emergency)
- Mental Health Services
- Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention
- Prescription Assistance
- Senior Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Summer Meals/Camps
- Utility Bill Assistance

If you live in one of the following neighborhoods and would like to be contacted by a 211 Community Resource Specialist located at the Community Engagement Center, follow the directions below:

- Barre Circle
- Franklin Square
- Hollins Roundhouse
- Mount Clare
- Pigtown
- Poppleton
- Union Square

DIAL 211



OR VISIT
uwcm.org/CEC211

Hover over this QR code with your smartphone camera to receive a call from a 211 Specialist.

Special 211 Partnerships and Programs:
 CASH Campaign of Maryland, Fuel Fund of Maryland, and LYFT

Thank You to our 211 Sponsors:



Free Legal Assistance & Advice About Utilities

Free Client Services Available through Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland

Assistance For Tenants & Consumers

Baltimore City tenants who have been sued by their landlord or consumers who have received a debt collection lawsuit in Baltimore City or Prince George's County can receive legal and referral information by phone. Where appropriate they are referred to PBRC's Tenant Volunteer Lawyer of the Day Program or Consumer Protection Project for legal representation or to other organizations. Tenants and consumers in need of assistance can call **443-703-3053**. For more information, visit

<https://probonomd.org/project/courtroom-advocacy/>.

Legal Assistance & Referrals for Immigrants

Immigrants in removal proceedings from anywhere in Maryland can get free, remote legal consultations and referrals by calling: **443-703-3054**.

Asistencia Legal y Referidos para Inmigrantes

Inmigrantes de Maryland en procedimientos de expulsión con el tribunal de inmigración pueden obtener una consulta gratuita y virtual por video en WhatsApp. Para programar una consulta u obtener un referido llame a 443-703-3054.

Utility Bill Consultations

Baltimore city residents can receive free legal advice remotely from volunteer attorneys regarding their water, gas, and/or electric bills. Attorneys will advise on issues such as bill disputes, shutoffs, and questions about financial assistance that may be available. Call: **443-703-3052**.

Advance Planning Consultations

Advance planning services are offered to assist Baltimore City residents 60 years and over. Seniors can receive a free remote consultation with a volunteer attorney to complete an advance medical directive and financial power of attorney by calling: **443-703-3052**.



NEED HELP WITH YOUR WATER, GAS, OR ELECTRIC BILL?

Is your utility bill higher than usual? Do you need legal advice for overdue bills?

Free remote legal consultations available to Baltimore City residents.

443 - 703 - 3052

Please call the Pro Bono Resource Center to make an appointment.



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Are you a homeowner?

Lower your property tax bill by applying for the Homeowners' Tax Credit (for those with incomes up to \$60k) and the Homestead Tax Credit. Call Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition's tax credit hotline at 443-961-6220 or visit www.marylandtaxcredit.com.

Free Mental Health Programs from NAMI

NAMI Peer-to-Peer



Metropolitan
Baltimore

When:

Sundays, 2pm - 4pm

Start Date: March 14th

End Date: May 16th
*(skipping Easter Sunday
and Mother's Day)*

Where:

Online, via Zoom

Registration is required

Register to Attend:

Register on Zoom at

<http://bit.ly/p2pspring2021>

Space is limited! RSVP ASAP

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free, 8-session education program for adults (18+) with a mental health condition, who are looking to understand their condition and find a path to recovery.

NAMI Peer-to-Peer will help participants:

- Create a personal relapse prevention plan
- Learn how to interact with healthcare providers
- Develop confidence for making decisions and reduce stress
- Understand the impact of symptoms on your life
- Access Baltimore-area resources to help maintain wellness

HELPLINE: (410) 435-2600



INFO@NAMIBALTIMORE.ORG

NAMI Family-to-Family



Metropolitan
Baltimore

When:

Saturdays, 2pm - 4pm

Start Date: March 13th

End Date: May 1st

Where:

Online, via Zoom

Registration is required

Register to Attend:

Register on Zoom at

<http://bit.ly/f2fspring2021>

Space is limited! RSVP ASAP

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session education program for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness.

NAMI Family-to-Family will help with:

- Managing crises, solving problems and communicating effectively
- Taking care of yourself and managing stress
- Developing the confidence and stamina to provide support with compassion
- Finding and using local supports and services, up-to-date information on mental health conditions and treatments

HELPLINE: (410) 435-2600



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Free Health Programs For Older Adults

Group Education Sessions



Contact us at:



410-706-2434



lamycenter@rx.
umaryland.edu

**Provided by:
Faculty &
Healthcare Students
from the University
of Maryland**



Join us:

THURSDAYS

1-2 PM Online



tinyurl.com/UMBIPE2021



Dial 301.715.8592

Meeting ID: 949 03576213#

Passcode: 133872#

Topics Change Weekly

Examples include:

- ✓ Living with diabetes
- ✓ Medicare Education
- ✓ Reading food labels
- ✓ Preventing falls

...and more!

One-on-One Wellness Checks



Interested in learning more about your health & medicines?

- ✓ Set up a one-on-one wellness check with faculty and healthcare students from the University of Maryland.



**Offered
THURSDAYS from
2:00-3:00 PM
Call for Your
Personal
Appointment NOW!**

Contact us at



410-706-2434

**@ [lamycenter@rx.
umaryland.edu](mailto:lamycenter@rx.umaryland.edu)**



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